

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Ormiston on 04/01/2010.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a. Claim 1: line 11, change "is generated based on a predetermined decrement number corresponding to an actual image" to "is generated based on one of a plurality of predetermined decrement numbers corresponding to an actual image;"

b. Claim 11: line 7, change "determining a remaining picture count based on a predetermined decrement number" to "determining a remaining picture count based on one of a plurality of predetermined decrement numbers"

c. Claim 20: line 17, change "each image file has been stored in the memory by a predetermined number" to "each image file has been stored in the memory by one of a plurality of predetermined numbers"

3. The application has been amended as follows: Since claim 3 has been cancelled, therefore the claim 4, line 1 is amended to "The camera of claim 1 wherein the control circuit uses a look up table to retrieve"

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2 and 4-25 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The following prior art shows the current state of the art to this patent application:

i. Kosugi et al. (US Patent # 5,903,677) discloses a camera (figure 1) and a method of displaying a remaining picture count (figure 2, col. 3 lines 42-col. 4 line 20) based on actual image size and the image size is always reduced by one corresponding to a predetermined decrement number. However there is no teaching of reducing the remaining picture count based on a plurality of predetermined decrement numbers, which is the applicant's core invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOGESH K. AGGARWAL whose telephone number is (571)272-7360. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on (571)-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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